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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, VS, AL
SUBJECT: PRG NOTE CONCERNING SVN PROPERTY IN THE U.S.

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1730 MAY 12 A MESSENGER FROM THE PRG PERMANENT MISSION DELIVERED TO THE EMBASSY RECEPTION-IST A NOTE (IN ENGLISH) FROM THE PRG FOREIGN MINISTRY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, COVERED BY A NOTE (IN FRENCH) TO THE EMBASSY FROM THE PRG PERMANENT MISSION IN FRANCE. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE CONCERNS THE TRANSFER TO THE PRG OF GVN PROPERTY IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE DESIGNATION OF ALGERIA AS PROTECTING POWER IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PRG. TEXT OF PRG FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE; "(LETTER HEAD IN VIETNAMESE, TRANSLATION OF WHICH IS 'FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM'

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT:

1) ON AND AFTER THE APRIL 30, 1975, THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE POPULATION HAVE EXERCISED THEIR SOVEREIGNTY ON THE WHOLE TERRITORY OF SOUTH VIETNAM. THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH

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VIETNAM IS THE SOLE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTH

VIETNAMESE PEOPLE.

2) THE FORMER SAIGON ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN ERASED. CONSEQUENTLY ALL ITS REPRESENTATION ORGANS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAVE FORFEITED ONE'S REPRESENTATIVE-NESS.

3) ALL THE PROPERTY OF THESE REPRESENTATION ORGANS - MOVABLES, REAL ESTATE AS ARCHIVES AND DOCUMENTS - ARE NOW UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONNARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

4) THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONNARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS ENTRUSTED THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH THE TASK OF TAKING OVER AND SAFEGUARDING, ON THE BEHALF OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONNARY GOVERNMENT, ALL THE PROPERTY FILES, ARCHIVES, DOCUMENTS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE FORMER SAIGON ADMINISTRATION, IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONNARY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAS THE HONOR TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO ABIDE BY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND PRACTICES AND SUBSEQUENTLY TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PROPERTY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA IN TAKING OVER -- ON THE BEHALF OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONNARY GOVERNMENT - OF THE EMBASSY OF THE FORMER SAIGON ADMINISTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCE OF HIS HIGH CONSIDERATION.

THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM
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TRANSLATES 'PERMANENT MISSION IN FRANCE OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM.')

2. TEXT OF COVERING NOTE:

"LE 12 MAI 1975

REF. 7505314

LA MISSION PERMANENTE DU GOUVERNEMENT REVOLUTION-

NAIRE PROVISOIRE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU SUD VIETNAM EN

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FRANCE PRESENTE SES COMPLIMENTS A L'AMBASSADE DES ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE A PARIS ET A L'HONNEUR DE LUI ADRESSER LA NOTE DU MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES DU GOUVERNEMENT REVOLUTIONNAIRE PROVISOIRE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU SUD VIETNAM CONCERNANT LE TRANSFERT DES BIENS DE LA MISSION DIPLOMATIQUE DE L'ANCIENNE ADMINISTRATION DU SAIGON AUX ETATS-UNIS AU GOUVERNEMENT REVOLUTIONNAIRE PROVISOIRE. ELLE LUI SERAIT OBLIGEE DE BIEN VOULOIR LA TRANSMETTRE AU DEPARTEMENT D'ETAT DU GOUVERNEMENT AMERICAIN.

LA MISSION PERMANENTE DU GOUVERNEMENT REVOLUTIONNAIRE PROVISOIRE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU SUD VIETNAM SAISIT CETTE OCCASION POUR RENOUVELER A L'AMBASSADE DES ETATS-UNIS L'ASSURANCE DE SA HAUTE CONSIDERATION.

(RUBBER STAMP WITH VIETNAMESE INSCRIPTION WHICH TRANSLATES: 'PERMANENT MISSION IN FRANCE OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM.')

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT MAY REMEMBER THAT WHEN PRG ATTEMPTED TO HAVE APPOINTMENT TO DELIVER A NOTE IN APRIL 1973, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT WE TOLD PRG INFORMATION OFFICE MERELY TO DROP OFF AT RECEPTIONIST

ANY COMMUNICATION AS ONE WOULD ORDINARY MAIL. PRG
APPEAR TO BE FOLLOWING OUR PREVIOUS SUGGESTED PROCEDURE.

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4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER WE
SHOULD RETURN THE NOTE. IF INSTRUCTED NOT TO RETURN,
WE SHALL POUCH ORIGINALS TO DEPARTMENT EA/VN.

5. WE NOTE THAT UNLIKE DRV PRACTICE, THERE IS NO
VIETNAMESE ORIGINAL FOR THE PRG FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE.
ALSO, THE ENGLISH, WHICH IS REPRODUCED EXACTLY AS IT
APPEARS, IS NOT OF THE QUALITY OF MESSAGES SENT BY THE
DRV.
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